

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW IS THE U. S. SENATE'S RAILROAD AGENT

Recognized as the Head and Front of Anti-Rebate Forces in Present Congress.

EMPLOYS FIFTEEN PERSONS AS AN OFFICE FORCE, HAS FOUR SECRETARIES, AND HIS WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS ARE THE HOME OF EVERY RAILROAD LOBBYIST WHO VISITS THE CAPITOL.

Washington, Feb. 18.—In the line-up of the forces for and against anti-rebate legislation, Chauncey M. Depew stands pre-eminent as the most influential force on the side of the railroads. In the fight to a finish that is to be fought out at this and subsequent sessions of congress, he is looked on as the leader.

Up to within a few days ago he was chairman of the board of directors of eight Vanderbilt railway lines. His income from this source is extraordinary. His powers and responsibilities are also enormous. For reasons best known to the directors of these eight railway companies, Senator Depew retired from the chairmanship of two of them.

It was given out that this was done to combine more closely the Vanderbilt systems and bring them under one management.

Owes Wealth to Vanderbilt.

These eight roads belonging to the Vanderbilt family, to which he may be said to owe his great wealth and prestige, extend over 16,000 miles and their annual earnings approximate \$159,000,000. These earnings are divided as follows:

New York Central, West Shore and Boston and Albany lines, \$75,000,000; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, \$25,000,000; Big Four, \$23,000,000; Nickel Plate, \$8,000,000; Lake Erie and Western, \$6,000,000; Michigan Central, \$21,000,000.

Chauncey M. Depew is the individual representative of all these railroads in Washington. Every president of these lines, every general counsel, every lobbyist, every votary who comes here, must report to Depew or to one of his handy men.

Depew has fifteen persons employed here as an "office force." He has four secretaries.

One man in his employ (a southerner, formerly in the railroad business) receives a salary of \$300 a month for his "influence" with members of congress. He is allowed also extrava-

gant "expense" for "entertainment" and other purposes.

Nearly every railroad man who has appeared here as a witness in the hearings on the tariff-rate legislation before the committee first had a talk with Depew.

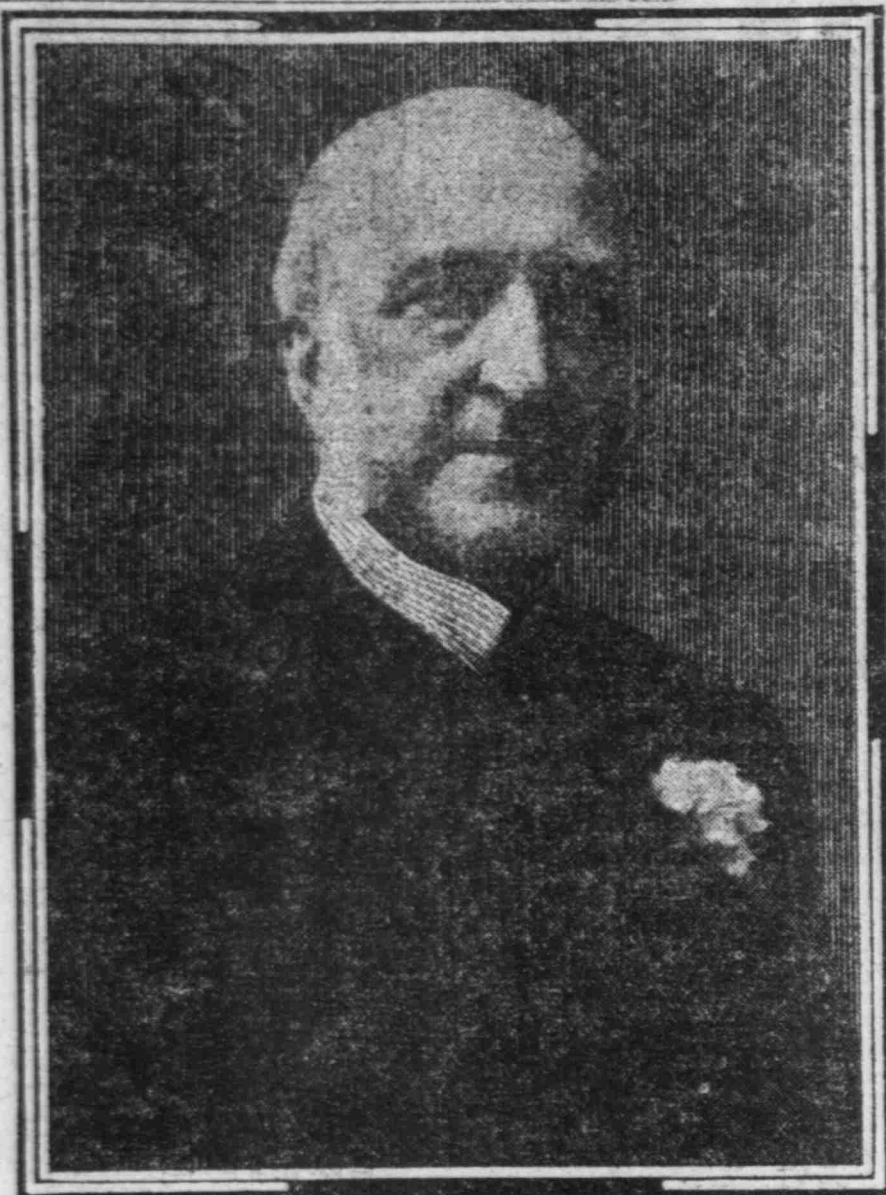
Men known as "general counsel," and who receive salaries from \$25,000 a year upward, frequent Depew's con-

turn or require their presence again before March 4.

They are able lawyers of the most part and clever manipulators as well. The Gould system had Winslow S. Pierce and John F. Dillon; J. Pierpont Morgan's interests, Francis L. Stetson; the Moore system of the southwest, Robert Matthew; the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, George R. Peck; the Burlington, James W. Hylthe; the Baltimore and Ohio, Hugh L. Bond, Jr.; far western lines, Victor Morewetz.

Depew as Chief of All.

All these and many others are in close communication with Depew. He



U. S. SENATOR CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

ferences, and not since the "palmy" days of the Huntington Southern Pacific contest have so many of this class had reason to visit Washington as have this winter.

Railroad Lawyers Feel Safe.

Most of them have left the capitol now, having done well their work, and confident that no tariff-rate legislation would be likely to cause their re-

is regarded as the head of their "Washington contingent."

Depew's influence and power in railroad circles was shown, it is stated on good authority, by the resignation of M. F. Ingalls a few days ago as president of the Big Four, his retirement being accredited to Depew, from whom, it is said by railroad men, Ingalls would not take "orders."

THE SPORTING NEWS HERE AND ELSEWHERE

RESUME OF DOINGS IN SPORTING CIRCLES IN PENSACOLA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE—THE LAUNCH RACE ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

LAUNCH RACE BETWEEN "CUPID" AND "FREDDIE."

Unusual interest attaches to the 49 mile race, scheduled to take place on Saturday next, February 25, between the launch "Cupid," owned by Capt. Bennie Edmundson and the launch "Freddie" owned by Capt. Frank Lewis, particularly as it is the first race of the kind that has been pulled off at Pensacola for a number of years. While a purse of \$500 has been put up, each of the contestants contributing \$250, this represents but a small part of the sum that will change hands upon the result, for friends of both parties are wagering their money freely and the owners of the boats that will compete will each stake large amounts upon their respective craft.

The "Cupid" is well known, having been in service here for several months. She was built by Seabury & Co. at Morris Heights, N. Y., and was brought to Pensacola by Max Bear. Mr. Bear shortly afterwards sold the boat to Geo. Bowers, of Washington, from whom she was purchased by her present owner, Capt. Bennie Edmundson. The "Cupid" is 45 feet long, has graceful lines, and is propelled by a 16 horse power Globe engine. While her speed has been tested by Capt. Edmundson he declines to say just what his boat can do. That she is a fast vessel can be attested by the hundreds who have sailed in her during the past year.

The "Freddie" is an "unknown quality," as it were. She is 40 feet in length and is built upon lines similar to those of the steam cutters in use in the navy. While her lines do not appear as graceful as those of the "Cupid," the boat slides through the water without any fuss, and does not, to use a slang expression, "drag the whole bay after her." The "Freddie" is driven by a 15 horse power, three cylinder Stirling spark engine of the latest type, and the difference of one horse power between her engine and that of the "Cupid" is offset by the greater length and draft of the latter and the boats may be said to be evenly matched so far as power is concerned.

The "Cupid" was built strictly for pleasure and, consequently, has lines that denote speed. The "Freddie" was built with a view to seagoing qualities and, apparently, symmetrical lines have been sacrificed to seagoing qualities. However, that the "Freddie" is a fast boat is beyond question; she has amply demonstrated her right to be considered in the first class among the launches now at this port.

Nearly all the tug boats and launches in the bay will probably be pressed into service to handle the crowds that will want to see the races on Saturday. The racers will start from off Palafox wharf at 9 a. m., the vessels being tied together until both are under full headway and then cut apart at the drop of a flag in the hands of the starter. The race will be to the sea buoy and return to a stakeboat off Palafox wharf, twice around the total distance being approximately 49 miles. Both boats will be stripped of all upper works and superfluous weight and in trim to do their best.

Boats To Be Overhauled.

Next Saturday will witness one of the most exciting boat races that probably has ever occurred on Pensacola bay when the launches Cupid and Freddie will meet in a forty mile race out into the Gulf.

Both boats will be hauled out during the week and given a thorough overhauling and cleaning.

The start of the race will be from off Palafox wharf and will be out into the Gulf 10 miles and return, over the course twice.

At 9 o'clock they will be taken into the stream tied both fore and aft and at the word of the starter will be cut loose and started on their journey. Several additional small wagers have been made during the week.

Has John L. Sullivan again fallen off the water wagon? That yarn from St. Louis that the old gladiator has challenged James J. Corbett is an absurd proposition, and taken seriously by no one outside of Longview, Bloomington and Lakeland. A retirement of a dozen years from the ring has unfitted John L. for the ring service, and the brief reply of Corbett is to that point. He merely sent the old champion the message: "I only wish you had the youth and strength to fight me, or any one else."

That was all, and it is enough.—Ren Mulford, Jr., in Cincinnati Post.

Frank Gotch, wrestling champion (and a very great wrestler he is) has broken out again. He wants, or says that he wants, to fight Jeffries.

Gotch is a powerful man. He has shown his strength on several occasions, while wrestling with Tom Jenkins, ex-champion. Tom is a Hercules on a small scale, yet Gotch handled him like a child, taking the falls as he pleased.

There is no doubt that this marvelous fighter could whip Jeffries just as easily as he throws Jenkins. He has strength enough. He has the build. He says himself that he is really a great fighter, and he whipped several Alaskan pretenders to the heavy-weight title with ridiculous ease. All that Gotch needs is a little more experience. The right kind of training would win the world's championship for him. He should go out to Chicago and take a course in the stock yards. Then, if Jeff would let him use an axe, and would consent to have his

own hands tied behind him, Gotch could wade right in and become champion of the world in a round or two.—Robert Edgren in New York World.

Charlie Frank is evidently going on the principle that the early bird is "it," for he is having his Pelicans report in New Orleans the latter part of this month.

Frank Wilson, who is to be one of the Pelican slayers this summer, said yesterday that he had received orders to report in New Orleans on the 25th. He said that he was hoping that he would be here when the league meeting was held, but as the meeting is called on the same day that he reports, of course that is out of the question.—Montgomery Advertiser.

Base Ball Talk.

Charley Frank has summoned his hired men to appear at Pelican headquarters on Saturday of next week. This breaks all records for ballroom's spring opening. In fact there is no spring opening about it for winter has yet three days to run before the season of vernal blossoms is due. And still, after all, this isn't such a wretched idea when you think it over. On the other hand it is a good one, one the local team should adopt with a few days added on. The fierce winter betokens an early spring and every member of the local camp should reach Atlanta by the first week in March. Cleveland arrives at Piedmont March 6th and the local tribesmen can come just as easily. March 15th is entirely too late for this means the 18th or 20th, and men are forced to jump into exhibition contests out of shape. As a result bum wings and battered muscles. Note—J. McMakin, who never recovered the season through. Frank is getting a good jump on his rivals.

Cleveland brings to the local grounds some of the most celebrated characters of ballroom. Lajoie is, of course, the king bird of them all, while in Harry Bay Napoleon has a marshal tipped off as the fleetest of the fleet in either league. Just four seconds from home to first is the outfielder's pace down the line.

Doc Payne's boxing innovation is a new stunt for the nation's pastime. Let 'em get Leonhardt to batter in a few jiu jitsu tips and they will be dangerous people at close quarters while skimming around the four corners.

"I've made a few base hits in my day on the diamond, but the hit I remember with the most satisfaction was one that was made to order," says Ed McKean in an exchange. "It was made in the fall of 1887 or '88 on the Dunham-av grounds. All season I had been trying to put the ball over into Lexington ave., but hadn't succeeded, although I'd often done the trick in former seasons."

"Pittsburg was playing here on this particular day and you remember how we loved to beat Pittsburg. Three runs were needed when I came to bat in the eighth and there were two men on basis. As I took my position at the plate the boys in the press box all arose and started a yell that they had been rehearsing. It went something like this:

"Now Eddie you haven't hit the ball over right field fence all season. Do it now."

"Coming in chorus, like a college cry, the yell attracted the attention of the crowd and soon everybody was shouting 'Over the fence, Eddie. Over the fence.'"

"The Pittsburg pitcher thought to catch me napping—for I had joined in the laughter that followed the launching of the yell—and shot one straight across the plate. I happened to meet it fairly and, sure enough, away it went, high and dry, over right field fence and through a window on the south side of Lexington ave. The first and only home run I ever made to order."

It was a thrilling situation. Captain Larry held two trump cards—the queen and nine spot. There were 20 points for game represented in the cards already on the table. But where was the jack?

Just then the cigar salesman came in.

"What's up?" he asked cheerily. "Keep quiet," said the Naps' manager. "Can't you see I'm playing the game of my life?"—Cleveland Press.

Peculiar Disappearance.

J. D. Runyan, of Butlerville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at all drug stores, price 25 cents.

We desire to direct the attention of our readers to the coming brief engagement in Pensacola of Dr. O. P. Lynn, representing the famous A. K. Hawks Optical House of Atlanta.

He will be at the store of his agent, W. A. D'Alemberte, for ten days, beginning February 10th, and ending 21st. The firm of A. K. Hawks, located in Atlanta, Ga., is the originator of the celebrated "Hawks" spectacles and eye glasses, and has been favorably known to the public for more than thirty years. As one of the leading optical establishments it has a reputation throughout the United States. Any statement made by this old and reliable concern may be entirely relied upon.

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